

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)				Complete if Known	
Sheet	1	of	2	Application Number	10/027,814
				Filing Date	December 20, 2001
				First Named Inventor	Azmi B. Osman
				Art Unit	3682
				Examiner Name	D. Fenstermacher
				Attorney Docket Number	27006-0002

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
		US- 3,066,803	12-04-1962	Seils, Jr.	
		US- 4,294,333	10-13-1981	Little	
		US- 4,683,850	08-04-1987	Bauder	
		US- 4,986,235	01-22-1991	Ishii et al.	
		US- 5,006,237	04-09-1991	Jones	
		US- 5,054,442	10-08-1991	Pietsch et al.	
		US- 5,058,545	10-22-1991	Hirai et al.	
		US- 5,158,053	10-27-1992	Krechberger et al.	
		US- 5,161,642	11-10-1992	Murakawa	
		US- 5,291,863	03-08-1994	Jones	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ³
		Country Code ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
DF		EP	0 269 054	B1	06-01-1988	Bayerische Motoren Werke Ag		
DF		FR	2 721 975	A1	01-05-1996	Automobiles Peugeot Societe		

Examiner Signature	DAVID FENSTERMACHER PRIMARY EXAMINER	Date Considered	6/8/06
-----------------------	---	--------------------	--------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kin's Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

³Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁴Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO		Complete if Known	
		Application Number	10/027,814
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)		Filing Date	December 20, 2001
		First Named Inventor	Azmi B. Osman
		Art Unit	3682
		Examiner Name	D. Fenstermacher
		Attorney Docket Number	27006-0002
Sheet	2	of	2

Stamp: OIPE 1462 MAR 13 2006 U.S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
df		Search Report Dated June 7, 2002 From Austrian Patent Office For Singapore Application No. 200107967-2 (3 pages)	
df		Search Report Dated April 2, 2002 From European Patent Office For European Application No. 01115661 (2 pages)	

Examiner Signature	DAVID FENSTERMACHER PRIMARY EXAMINER <i>df</i>	Date Considered	6/8/06
---------------------------	---	------------------------	--------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached. This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 120 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.